



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

August 4, 2016

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

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The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mark Kirk
United States Senate
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The Honorable Joni Ernst
United States Senate
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The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senate
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The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Michael Rounds
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Pat Roberts
United States Senate
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Al Franken
United States Senate
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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate
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The Honorable Joe Donnelly
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
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August 4, 2016

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
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OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
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The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
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The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
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The Honorable Gary Peters
United States Senate
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The Honorable Brian Schatz
United States Senate
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jack Reed
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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August 4, 2016

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Michael F. Bennet
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
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OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Tom Udall
United States Senate
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